

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1272
By Rowland

A RESOLUTION to express our utmost gratitude for the laudable service of Forde Callis during and after World War II.

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by individuals who were willing to sacrifice themselves and put aside their personal needs and concerns in order to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have joined the time-honored tradition of volunteerism and altruism through service in the United States Armed Forces; these individuals have selflessly served with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, one such intrepid veteran is Forde Callis, who served with courage and distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callis bravely risked both life and limb to ensure the freedom of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, continuing in his astute service to our citizens, Mr. Callis provides inspiration to the young people of Tennessee through his dedication as an educator; he assiduously works to help students link the events of the past to the classrooms of today; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the characteristics of patriotism, faith, and valor, Mr. Callis has stood as the embodiment of an honorable soldier and has provided a lasting tribute to the lives of his fallen comrades; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous veterans of our Armed Forces, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they have made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we express our deepest pride in Forde Callis and extend to him our utmost gratitude for defending the freedom of the citizens of this State and Nation through his service in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.